

Herts and
MiddlesexWildlife
Watch

Migration and Habitat Quiz

Background information

In the UK we have many different species of wildfowl, some live here all year round and others come here just for the winter. Each year in September/October thousands of ducks migrate into the Colne Valley to spend the winter here when their breeding grounds, in places such as Scandinavia and Iceland, freeze over and they can no longer find food. They will stay here until March when they migrate back north to breed.

The chain of lakes in the Colne Valley provides fantastic habitat for a variety of wildfowl making it a great place to go birdwatching in the winter.

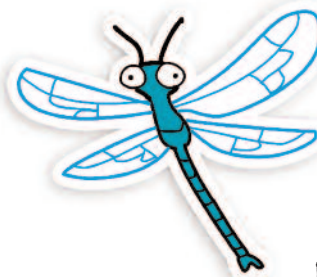
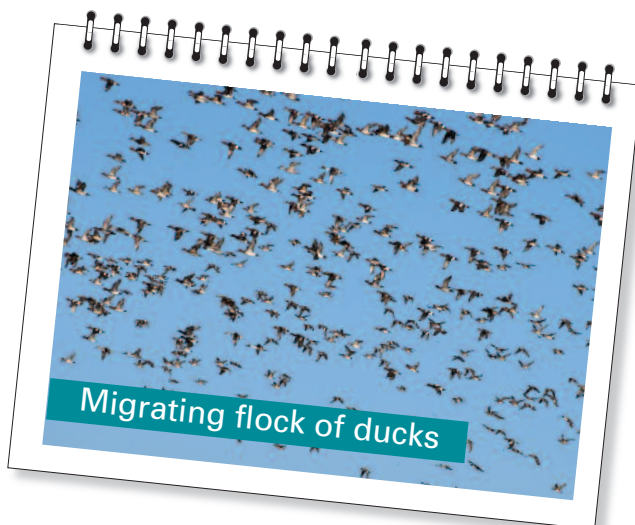
Activity objectives

This quiz aims to get children to understand why birds such as ducks migrate and why the Colne Valley is so important for them.

What you will need

1. A classroom or outdoor space where you can put up the quiz factsheets.
2. Printed quiz factsheets – laminated if using outside (10b to 10j).
3. Blu-tack/drawing pins/sticky tape.
4. Printed quiz sheets (10a) and pens.

Broadwater Lake in
the Colne Valley



Now turn over...



for further instructions!



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1. Prior to the activity, print/laminate and stick up the factsheets around the classroom/outdoor space.
 - ** Mix them up so they are not in question order.
2. Give each child a quiz sheet and pen.
3. Explain that they have to look for facts to answer the quiz questions.
4. At the end of the session bring the group together and go through the answers. Get the children to mark each other's quizzes.

Useful Links

For more information on the Colne Valley Park visit:
www.colnevalleypark.org.uk
www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk

Follow up

1. Discuss the answers to the quiz questions.
2. Research different habitats and find out which species live in each type of habitat.
3. Find out about other migratory birds that visit the UK.
4. Combine this with the 'Duck Detectives' activity, the 'Wildfowl Migration Game' or 'Winter Wildfowl Spotting Challenge'.



Wildfowl at Stocker's Lake

Swallow



Information for Teachers

National Curriculum Links – Science

Y2 POS Living things and their habitats.

Y4 POS Living things and their habitats.